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Classification: Spyionage.			
References: Report dated 30 October 1945 by EM/227 entitled JUAN YELA, collaborator.			

Source: **As stated in report.**

Details:

SYNOPSIS:

The subject proceeded to MANILA from SHANGHAI and returned aboard a Japanese Military Aircraft for the purpose of locating contraband goods for the Japanese and reported on anti-Japanese Filipinos in MANILA. The subject collaborated with the Japanese as has been pointed out in a previous report.

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JUAN TRIA

The following signed statement was made on 16 November 1945 by S. TOROPOVSKY, Shanghai Russian who was sent to the Philippines by the Japanese Navy to act as Radio Monitor with the BOVANS espionage group:

"In June, 1944, I went to MANILA with a group of men sent there by the Japanese Navy.

In July, 1944, while in MANILA I met JUAN TRIA, Shanghai Filipino, who had gone there on another plane. I talked to TRIA and he told me that he was going around looking for radio equipment and things like that. He pretended he was a buyer but when he found the objects he sold them to the Japanese and then they confiscated them. He also went around and scouted out Filipinos in bars and restaurants. If they were anti-Japanese he reported this to the Japanese authorities. *Philippines*

He was working for the Japanese and in addition to the trip he received payment from them for his activities.

In MANILA I heard FRANCISCO CARMEN, now under arrest by the Americans, mention the name MAGDALENO LAMSON. He said that he was working for the Japanese (CARMEN) and that LAMSON was connected with him and "doing something with him." I got the impression that LAMSON was working for the Japs from this conversation.

I saw TRIA recently and he pretended not to know me while I was walking on Sweeney Road.

The Japs were not sending people to the Philippines for trips to see their families with such a shortage of gas etc. They only sent people there for a purpose."

Witnesses:

A.C. PINNER) signed
H.C. EVANGELISTA) signed

(signed) S. TOROPOVSKY
1060 Avenue Edward VII
Apt. 52.

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The following signed statement was made on 16 November 1945 by F.E. CARMEN, who allegedly was sent to the Philippines with the BOVANS espionage group by the Japanese:

JUAN TRIA

"I, F.E. CARNEIRO, make this statement of my own free will.

I saw JUAN TRIA in MANILA in Jan- 1944 on the street and the AVENUE HOTEL. He said he was there on business and was employed by some company.

In January 1945 I saw him at CLARK FIELD and he showed me a contract from some company appointing him Shanghai agent.

He left with us by plane.

In Shanghai I knew him as a broker - once he offered me a consignment of alcohol."

(signed) F.E. CARNEIRO.

Witnesses:

A.C. PINDER) signed
H.C. EVANGELISTA) signed

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The following signed statement was made on 16 November 1945 by A.C. PINDER and H. EVANGELISTA, after an interview with P. LOJ- NIKOFF, under detention by the American Armed Forces in connection with his trip to the Philippines with the ROYAL group.

"On the undersigned on this day engaged in conversation with LOJ- NIKOFF stated that he saw JUAN TRIA in MANILA in June, 1944, and January 1945. LOJ- NIKOFF stated that it was his opinion that TRIA was working for the Japanese there."

(signed) H.C. EVANGELISTA
A.C. PINDER

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The following is an extract from a statement made by A. ARRYALO on 8 November 1945 :

"JUAN TRIA and CONRADO UY told me to attend certain meetings and they said if I did not the Japanese gendarmes would take action against me."

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